

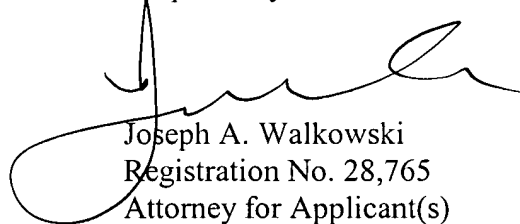
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action/Restriction Requirement mailed November 7, 2005, has been received and reviewed. Claims 1 through 17 are currently pending in the application. Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, claims 1-8, drawn to a linear bearing assembly, **with traverse**.

Applicant notes that the Examiner has asserted that "the device can be adjusted by a method not involving a guide rail." The Examiner is referred to method claims 9 through 12, none of which require the use of a guide rail. Similarly, none of apparatus claims 1 through 8 recite the presence of a guide rail. Further, Applicants note that claim 9 is generic to all of method claims 9 through 17; therefore, allowance of claim 9 should result in the allowance of claim 13. Finally, Applicant respectfully asserts that searching a total of less than 20 (17) claims present in the application as filed does not place an undue burden on the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 1 through 17 should be examined together.

An early Office Action on the merits with respect to claims 1 through 17 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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